

BLANEY TO WRITE SOFT THINGS NOW

King of Melodrama Decides to
Cut Out Wild West Shows
in Future.

NO MORE YOUNG BUFFALOES

Miss Spooner Here With Her
Husband to See Bijou Well
Opened To-Night.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!
Smoke and revolver shots; brass
knucks and gleaming knives; a gang
of desperate criminals who would
steal the girl away.

More smoke. More revolver shots.
More knife play. "Seved," she cries.
"Revolver."

No more will "crool" Jack Dalton
pursue poor Mabel Dare.
There will be no need for Howard
Crulchanka's strong right arm to
shield the girl from "har-um."

Hereafter the blood may devote all
its time to lovely Mabel's waist.
Henceforth Charles E. Blaney's foun-
tain pen is to be filled with ink.

With his wife, who is best known
in Richmond as Miss Cecil Spooner,
Charles E. Blaney, the king of melo-
drama, is spending a few days in Rich-
mond, the main object of their visit
being to witness at the Bijou Theatre
to-night the opening presentation of
"The Adventures of Polly," a new play
of which Miss Spooner is coauthor.

Seated in his room at the Richmond
last night, Mr. Blaney told a reporter
that he would write no more "blood
and thunder." He is of the opinion
that the American public is satiated
with this sort of amusement, and
henceforth he intends to devote his
whole time and attention to the writ-
ing and production of plays. "Just
plays," is the way he puts it. "Life,
as it is, types, human interest."

There never was a play that has
the right sort of stuff in it, that
failed," he said. "Humor and pathos,
mixed in proper proportions and prop-
erly served is what the people want,
and I for one intend to give it to them."

Asked to explain the decline of
melodrama, Mr. Blaney replied that
some of it was good and some of it
was bad. "It all came under the head
of melodrama, and it was all judged
alike," he said.

Not like Miss Libbey.
Miss Spooner laughingly denied that
she would emulate Laura Joan Libbey
in giving heart to heart talks with
the women of her audiences. However,
it is hardly probable that she will be
allowed to escape altogether in Rich-
mond. On the many occasions which
she has appeared here in the past
nothing short of her appearance be-
fore the curtain for a little personal
chat has satisfied her many admirers.

The little woman is fresh from her
farm near New Canaan, Conn., where
she has been spending the summer.
She describes herself as feeling per-
fectly fit for the long season before
her on the road, as the result of her
sojourn in the country. She had a
lovely time all summer, she said, and
loved the life. She owns ten-fifteen
chickens, enjoying thoroughly
every minute of the brief period which
comes between the season on the road.
The farm is a recent present from Mr.
Blaney to his wife, and is one of the
best in Connecticut. Mrs. Blaney's
description of it led her husband to
tell a joke.

Fortune in Windows.
Upon acquiring possession of the new
farm, Mrs. Blaney asked his permis-
sion to have a few improvements made
about the place, to which he, of course,
readily consented, especially upon be-
ing assured that the work would cost
but several hundred dollars. "She had
\$14,000 worth of windows cut in the
walls of the house, before she got
through," he said. Fourteen thousand
dollars to add to the \$30,000 which I
originally paid for the place."

Three new Blaney productions are
being sent on the road this fall. "The
Adventures of Polly," which opened
last week in Brooklyn, and which will
play its second week at the Bijou here.
"My Wife's Husbands," which will take
the road some time this month, and

"The Fortunes of Battle," in which
Miss Spooner will star, and in which
she will appear here in November.

For the past week Miss Spooner has
been directing rehearsals of these
three productions, while her husband
was engaged in other business in New
York. She is very enthusiastic about
the new plays, and thinks that the ve-
hicle in which she will star this year
is better suited to her than any she
has ever had. Three road companies
and six stock companies comprise the
Blaney attractions at the present time.
The stock companies are located in
Newark, Jersey City, Brooklyn, Green-
point and the Bronx, and all are play-
ing to the usual Blaney business.

Wild One in London.
"Young Buffalo," one of the biggest
successes of Mr. Blaney ever had, will
be produced in London at an early date,
the original company and production
having sailed from New York on Sat-
urday. Mr. Blaney stated that while
the United States is tired of melo-
drama, England is just becoming in-
terested in it, and he will, no doubt,
send more of his American successes
abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaney will probably
remain in Richmond through the week
end, as they are well acquainted here.
Blaney particularly having no end of
friends among Richmond people. While
she will not appear in "The Adven-
tures of Polly," she will be on hand
when the piece is produced here, and
will, it is not unlikely, be the most
pleased of all to see it. There will
be a repetition of one of those
pleasant incidents which characterized
former Richmond visits.

LOSES POCKETBOOK
Quick Work of Charlottesville Police-
man Resulted in Its Owner.

Mrs. Jennie W. Blaney, who was in
Richmond, while hastening to catch a
Chesapeake and Ohio train for this
city, lost her pocketbook last Friday.
Her hand satchel came open and her
small pocketbook, containing money
and tickets, fell out, but she did not
discover the loss until reaching the
lower depot in Charlottesville. There
she notified Police Officer Lushbaugh,
who went at once to Union Station
and shortly located the man who had
picked it up, a colored driver who
runs a transfer wagon. The pocket-
book contained \$17.25 in cash and
three negotiable notes, aggregating
\$2,519.55. The purse was restored to
the owner before the train had left
the lower station.

"MIKE" GALVIN DEAD
Ruler of Chinatown Breaks Down At-
ter Being Transferred to Coney Island.

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ael J. Galvin, of the New York police
force, widely known as "Mike," died
last night at St. Vincent's Hospital
of Bright's disease and nervous col-
lapse combined. He broke down from
overwork some weeks ago, not long
after his transfer from Chinatown to
Coney Island.

Captain Galvin was forty-two years
of age and one of the youngest of the
precinct commanders. For distinguished
bravery he won three department med-
als during his career, and at the time
of his death he was the only honor man
among the captains.

GAYNOR REMOVED TO COUNTRY HOME

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portunity to get even with the bosses
of the Republican "Old Guard" are
"Will Gaynor get well enough to run
and take office?" and "If he is nomi-
nated will he accept the nomination?"

Attitude of Tammany.
To these questions the up-State
Democrats, who have been devouring
the bulletins from Mayor Gaynor's
bedside, have received no answer. Nor
have they been satisfied with any re-
liable information as to whether Mayor
Gaynor would have the support of
Tammany Hall were he to indicate a
willingness to carry the standard of
his party in the coming contest.

After the meeting of the Democratic
State Committee at Saratoga a week
ago last Friday, the Democratic lead-
ers from sections up-State, in conversa-
tion with their friends, however,
voiced a conviction that Mayor Gay-
nor would have the enthusiastic sup-
port of Tammany Leader Charles F.
Murphy. If this impression be well
founded Mayor Gaynor should be
named by acclamation by the Demo-
cratic Convention when it meets at
Rochester on September 28.

With one or two exceptions the up-
State Democratic leaders all would
look upon him with favor as the man
who could carry the State for the
Democratic ticket with a majority big
enough to wipe out the last vestige
of Republican rule by wresting from
the Republicans control of the next
legislative session.

From the standpoint of the Demo-
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tions of electing the next United States
Senator and making the congressional
reapportionment which follows the
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Looking Toward the Presidency.
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crats of prominence and influence in the
councils of their party it was easily
gleaned how, with the thought of Gay-
nor as the next gubernatorial nominee,
the thought of the Democratic leader
also turns to the Presidential cam-
paign. Hence they are considering the
importance of having the State of New
York shifted to the Democratic column
by a Democrat big enough to become
his party's standard-bearer in the na-
tional fight. All this, however, is
the ideal, and the practical is the
fact that the State of New York is
among Democrats there seemed to be
a fixed impression that Mayor Gaynor
was truly presidential timber.

Republicans Also Want Gaynor.
At a meeting of the Democratic State
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last, when the Democratic leaders from
all parts of the State had an oppor-
tunity to compare notes, Charles F.
Murphy, who now is the big power in
Democratic politics in this State, took
great pains to point out the differ-
ent localities. He listened to a
frequently told tale of growing Gaynor
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Nor is this sentiment confined to the
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eral Washington here in 1781.

A delegation of Virginians, includ-
ing members of the Yorktown Histo-
rical Society and Society of Descen-
dants of Independence, have arranged
to visit Taft and endeavor to get
the President's consent to attend.
Governor Mann, of Virginia, and
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Taft may be induced to deliver the
principal address at the big celebra-
tion held here on October 19 next
upon the occasion of the one hundred
and twenty-ninth anniversary of the
surrender of Lord Cornwallis to Gen-
eral Washington here in 1781.

A delegation of Virginians, includ-
ing members of the Yorktown Histo-
rical Society and Society of Descen-
dants of Independence, have arranged
to visit Taft and endeavor to get
the President's consent to attend.
Governor Mann, of Virginia, and
probably chief executives of other
States will be among the speakers.

man, who said he was a friend of the
woman, but refused to give his name,
attempted to reach John Considine to
furnish bond, but his efforts were un-
availing. With the Tembs apparently
Mrs. McKenna's only alternative, Wem-
ple released and allowed her to be pa-
roled in custody of an attorney.

RUSH PRISONERS TO SAFETY
Fearing Mob Violence, Officers Remove
Criminals